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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, APRIL 19, 2002

PETITION OF

VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.

CASE NO. PUC-2002-00050

For Extended Local Service
from Verizon Virginia Inc.'s
Gainesboro exchange to its
Stephens City exchange

ORDER DIRECTING POLL

In October 2001, telephone subscribers in Verizon Virginia Inc.'s ("Verizon Virginia") Gainesboro exchange petitioned the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") for Extended Local Service ("ELS") to the Stephens City exchange of Verizon Virginia. On March 7, 2002, the Commission received a cost study for the Gainesboro Exchange from Verizon Virginia that was used to estimate the approximate change in monthly rates that would result from the requested extension of local service.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered the petition and § 56-484.2 of the Code of Virginia, finds that this matter should be docketed and that Verizon Virginia should poll its subscribers in the Gainesboro exchange regarding their willingness to pay higher rates for local calling to the Stephens City exchange.

Effective April 9, 2002, the new Case Management System requires that the case number format for all Commission orders change from, e.g., PUE010663 to the following: PUE-2001-00663.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC-2002-00050.

(2) Verizon Virginia shall poll its Gainesboro exchange customers to determine whether a majority of those customers are willing to pay an increase in rates for local calling to the Stephens City exchange of Verizon Virginia. Verizon Virginia shall file the results of its poll with the Commission on or before June 18, 2002.

(3) Pending a successful ballot in the Gainesboro exchange, Verizon Virginia shall provide the Commission's Division of Communications, as soon as possible, but no later than September 20, 2002, a cost study for the Verizon Virginia Stephens City exchange customers to have ELS to the Verizon Virginia Gainesboro exchange.

(4) This matter is continued for further orders of the Commission.